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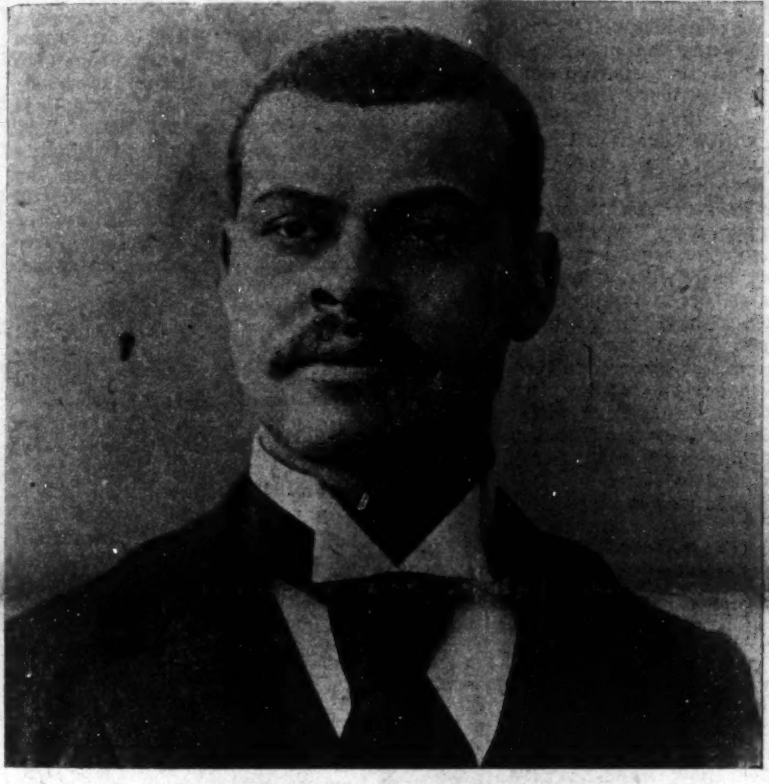
WINNING HIS PLACE

PROFESSOR J. A. LANKFORD, A GREAT GENIUS—HIS

EMINENT POSITION AS MACHINIST

Recognized by Men of Profound Learning in all Sections of the United States—Splendid Testimonials to the Skill of a Young Negro who Started at the Bottom of the Ladder and is now Attracting the Attention of Scientific men.



PROFESSOR J. A. LANKFORD.

SYRUP
SUGAR

Prof. John Anderson Lankford, who has proven himself equal to the high place which he now occupies in the scientific world as a machinest, was born in the town of Patosi, in the state of Missouri, December 4, 1874. Anderson Lankford his father was a hard working man, but he belonged to that class whose industry never brought a reward commensurate with his intense activity. His mother Naney Lankford was among the most highly respected christian ladies in the community. These two persons exerted a noble christian influence over young Lankford, and hence the charms of his very agreeable personality.

Young Lankford's school life in his native town was of brief duration. The aducational advantages at that time being meagre, too much so to satisfy his lofty ideas and high aspirations. He soon won his way to the head of his class, and desirous of securing all the knowledge possible to meet the demands and duties of a contemplated busy life, he sought his education elsewhere.

He left Patosi and went to Crystal City, Missouri, a beautiful little town situated on the Mississippi river, where he secured an apprenticeship under a German mechanic, who allowed him his clothing, food and lodging for his service. He spent two years in Crystal City, and these two years mark the starting point in what is clearly destined to become one of the most noted characters in the United States among Negroes. The high degree of perfection to which he attained during these two years evidenced his susceptibility to grasp the intricacies and complexities of the machinists art. His proficiency even at this time was commendable, and it was with reluctance that the old German permitted him to leave Crystal City to attend the great Lincoln Institute at Jefferson City, Mo.

On leaving Crystal City young Lankford went to Jefferson City, Mo., where he entered Lincoln Institute of which Professor I. E. Page, was then president. Having no money to pay his way, young Lankford presented himself to the president and stated his case in a manly and straightforward manner, and so impressed president Page that he immediately appointed him to help take care of the buildings, and thus earn enough money to pay his way through school. Intelligent enterprise and industry will certainly win for any young man a place in the world, cold and unsympathetic as it sometimes appears, and honest endeavor, such as characterized young Lankford's college career is the sure and certain evidence of a strong healthy manhood yet to be developed. He acted as second janitor, agent for a clothing house and solicitor for a steam laundry.

By his upright dealings he won the reputation of being thoroughly honest and reliable and was especially recognized for his business tact. He was not only successful in this direction, but he was greatly admired for the manifestation of a superior mind which manifestation was shown in his keeping his place in all the classes in which he was so highly esteemed by his class mates. He completed his full course in mechanical drawing, and as a machinist, in black-smithing, carpentry and engineering.

On leaving Lincoln, Prof. Lankford embarked into the black-smithing business, in the city of St. Louis, while his business was a success he found that in the black-smithing business he did not get a chance to put his wide range of knowledge on other important subjects to any practical use and so he sought the means of making himself more useful to his race and to society generally. It was about this time that he received an offer from Prof. Booker T. Washington, and in a very short while afterward we find him at Tuskegee. He is profoundly interested in the rising generation of the Negro race. He is willing to make many sacrifices to impart his knowledge on scientific subjects to the younger element of the race. While at Tuskegee he was possessed by the notion that a knowledge of photography was essential to a full measure of success in his profession and so he left Tuskegee and went to Atlanta, Ga., where he studied photography. He mastered it in a few months after which time he was appointed to the superintendency of the Fulton Bag and Cotton Company, one of the largest concerns in the United States. He held this position until the strike of 1895-96 resulted in closing the doors to Negro employees. From Atlanta he went to Nashville to accept the position of night engineer in the great factory of the Nashville Ice Company.

The following letter will serve as a testimonial of his service to this company:

The Nashville Ice & Cold Storage Co.
Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 17th, 1897.

To whom it may concern:—This is to certify that J. A. Lankford, who has been employed by this Company, for some time, is a man of exceptional mechanical ability, and not only a good engineer, but also a good machinist and steam-fitter, what you might call an all-around man about a factory, school or mill.

He is a young man about twenty five years of age, of good morals, and sober habits, and has had considerable experience in several different states, after graduating from two of the best Industrial Schools in this country.

He is an exceptionally good engeneer and I think he will give satisfaction to any one needing his services.

Our Company made an assignment, that is why he is not with us now.

Very respectfully yours,
PRICE CEATON.
Nashville Ice Company.

Professor Booker T. Washington said of Prof. Lankford:

"He is a man of excellent character and skill. I consider him competent to give instructions in mechanical engineering, steam fitting, and plumbing and machine work generally. While at Tuskegee he showed himself to be a man possessing superior qualities along these lines."

Prof. W. H. Councill had the following to say concerning Prof. Lankford's work at Normal:—"Mr. Lankford has had charge of our machine shop, saw mill and foundry for the last nine months, and has given satisfaction. He also taught in a most satisfactory manner, a class in mechanical drawing."

Prof. Geo. D. Scott, principal of the Pratt City school said: "He is a man of wonderful skill. He has finished five good trades and is well versed in science and art."

Prof. W. H. Crogman, vice president of Clark University, South Atlanta, Ga., Dr. W. I. Price, Ph. B., of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute; President I. E. Page of Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo.; Louis F. Dinning, Esq., Attorney at Law, De Soto, Mo.; Mr. F. M. Deggendorf, Editor of the Patosi Journal, (Mo.;) Bishop Henry M. Turner, and many other distinguished men in the various sections of the country have given like testimony to his worth.

Prof. Lankford's work at Normal has been very gratifying to all who have paid any attention to his career. The hum of machinery, the loud ring of massive rods of steel, the whirling smoke from over the Machanic Arts building, all testify to his skill as a machinist. He is in love with the south and is willing to spend his entire life on southern soil.

He is taking a special course of instruction in the International Correspondence School, Scranton, Pa., said to be finest of the kind in the world, and devotes every spare moment of his time to study.

The lowest mark made by him so far is 97, he has held first place in every examination. He is now working on a text book designed to meet the wants of professors in the many Industrial Institutions in the south. This book will be especially valuable to those who undertake the study of machinery.

Professor John Anderson Lankford is a type of the class of young men who are to lift the Negro race to a place of dignity and honor in the eyes of the American people generally.

CHARLES ALEXANDER.

Shelbyville Notes.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Mary Gray mother of Rev. L. W. Gray is ill at her son's residence. Johnnie Dudley is somewhat better at his parent's home in Broadway. William Banks, will go to Dayton, O., on next Saturday to see his parents. The Shelbyville people are very sorry to hear of the death of Owen Bradshaw, who died at Indianapolis on Jan., 26. Mr. and Mrs. Abe Russell, and Mrs. Daniel Ramsey who have been on the sick list are about to recover from their sickness. Rev. Joseph Robinson preached at the Second Baptist church on last Sunday morning, and Rev. Samuel Razor preached at night, each delivered a very excellent discourse. The Ladies Intellectual Club met with Mrs. Ella Jackson, in Pike street. The program was interesting. Mrs. Mattie Brown read a paper on cooking. She showed that a high intellectual standard should be attained in cooking as well in any other line of work. Samuel Robinson and Leonard Johnson went to New York last Saturday, they will not return until Feb. 7. Frank Allen had a very bad sick spell at his home on Locust street, last Saturday but is somewhat better now. Mrs. Daniel Marshall of south Pike street presented to her husband Jan. 25, a 9 pound baby girl, both are getting along nicely. Miss Mattie Hines is sick at the home of her parents in Colescoot street, with lagrippe she is somewhat better. Rev. P. P. Parker or a preacher from Franklin, Ind., will preach at the Second Baptist Church on next Sunday everybody is cordially invited to attend. Sarah Grissom, who has been sick for the past two weeks, at the home of her parents in Grant avenue, is about recovered from her sickness.

News of the Week.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Rev. G. W. Porter is sick and Rev. Chas. Johnson preached at St. Peters A. M. E. church Sunday, he conducted the services in Rev. Porter's absence. An Irish wedding was given at Westley Chapel C. M. E. church conducted by Rev. John Smith.

A. M. E. BISHOPRIC.

THE HIGHEST POSITION WITHIN THE GIVING OF THE RACE,

IS IN THE BALANCE WHO WILL WIN

The Freeman is the Acknowledged Spokesman and men Must Stand for Their worth—You Will get the Facts—Read the Spokesman and get the Free Sentiments of the Press—Conference Candidates Discussed in General.

No man entrusted with office, but that dog-catcher or President of the nation, is elected until after he has been publicly named and his fitness discussed by those concerned and yet here are a round dozen of men seeking the office of bishop in the A. M. E. church, the highest position within the race, most of whom are trying to keep the knowledge of their ambitions from every one except those with whom they are busy making bargains for votes. The people who are to be under them and who must support them are to know nothing about them until through the management of the few with whom these candidates have made arrangements the more astute of them are elected.

Out of 700,000 members only 400 can be members of the general conference and out of this 400 there are about fifty who are called leaders. Bargains are made with these leaders who tell as little or as much as they please to their delegations whose votes they pledge and direct, so it becomes possible for about fifty men to act for 400 and to force upon 700,000 persons men whom they may choose, no matter for what motive.

From this calamity there is a way of escape. The Christian Recorder is the official organ of the church, it should be the forum through which all such questions are discussed but this could not be done unless the discussion was absolutely impartial and proper. It could not be impartial. The editor of the Recorder is himself a candidate and thus far has allowed no article to appear in his columns in favor of any other candidate unless that same article contained an endorsement of said editor. The average Negro is a sychophant by nature and practice and only needs to catch on in order to be sure to pour in taffy by the barrel. Only a few weeks ago a man who would sooner vote for a cat than for Dr. Johnson had an article in the Recorder booming his favorite and closed it with a great big chunk of taffy for Johnson against whom he talks constantly. If the price of admission to the Recorder columns is to be an endorsement of the editor, sychophants will pay it readily and with flash measure but straight and square men will be silent through these columns. The way of escape from the injury that silence would work is The Freeman which goes to about ten times as many persons as the Recorder and which reaches many times more African methodists. Through The Freeman every wide-awake African methodist can be reached for those who don't get The Freeman will see its most important articles quoted in local papers.

No man should be elected bishop who has run around and put up jobs with leading delegates and kept the people from knowing of his candidacy. The men who try to do this are men whose characters would not bear investigation. There are five such men in the field at this hour. They know that the moment the general church hears of their aspirations so much will come out that they must retire and hence they seek darkness and shun the light. There are candidates who for three years have denounced The Freeman in every speech they have made.

Put it down as a fact that every man who denounces the free discussions of the press is a man who has something he wants to hide. There is no exception to this rule. There are some men who have stood before the blazing light of

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MAJOR'S MELANGE.

What has become of the General Solicitor? Come friend George, your absence is nearly unbearable. Tell us what has happened to your mailing clerk?

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Let us try our hand, and write a few letters every week to McKinley's Cabinet just to show them we use the black luquid and a quill of fire too if we have to do so.

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Say get on to your congressmans roost, and write him about your local troubles. We must talk less, write more, and by the double-back-action of the powers that be, we shall startle something.

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Hanging white men too! Its a pity, but these be times when American statesmen can go back on the sacred writings of Washington, Jefferson and Hamilton. Well the America of to-day is Americus Ga., not Americus Vespuci.

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Some say divide your vote, some not. Who is right? Well you ought to know best where you live, what is best to do. It does not matter much for whom you vote to sustain, as it is necessary that you should vote quietly, and not attract attention with your voting. Maybe it would be better not to vote at all.

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The dad-gasted poet never will quit rhyming. He has rhymed everything but a bottle of catsup (ketchup,) but thats nothing, the other 30,000 more rhyming rumblers yet to hear from will disipate our fears on that score the mad spirit is on, and it is only a matter of time when the enevitable will happen.

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Suppose every Negro editor in America besides correspondents, and other writers should each write a letter to President McKinley reminding him that the killing of Postmaster Baker of South Carolina who was ruthlesrly murdered for discharging his duty as an American citizen and as a government employe has not been avenged, wouldn't it make somebody think that a Negro Council had been held?

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The Afro-American Review published in Mattoon, Ill., by Rev. Jesse S. Woods is a creditable magazine, it is issued monthiy, and bears the appearance of being a stayer. The field is large, a great field for this class of journals is ripening to an abundant harvest. We wish Rev. Woods success on the sea of turbulent, but tempting journalism.

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History is being made, whether the historian is diligent in his work or not. Black historians will some day prove to be the inspired offspring of our military gallants, who plucked the Rough Rriders from the jaws of death and gave to proud America the boast of conquest, when in deadly fierce combat they wrung from the Spanish hosts glorious victory and saved Uncle Sam from inglorious defeat.

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It is generally believed that the Negro is a man. It did not take war to give him the epaulets of manliness. This inherent quality came with him out of the jungles of Africa, and has clung to him all the years of his American habitation. The Negro is beginning to finds out his powers, and the more he find he can do for his day and generation, the more use he becomes to all the world and its saving forces.

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Senator Mason is an able advocate for the cultivation of the Golden Rule spirit in this vast neck of the woods. He thinks rightly too, that if Uncle Samuel does his real and most urgent duty, he will compress his huge missionary spirit into neighborly, brotherly friendly relations of races. Christ's Golden Rule, here in our present domain and when all these good "millenial dawn" hints come to pass and the American constitution becomes the truth it will be time enough then to try to do for others outside, what it has failed to do at home. To protect its citizens.

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Tis said that "the proper study of mankind is man. If this is true, then let the whole civilized world study our brave black soldiers who have won prestige for this nation abroad. While the poet is rhyming for Geo. Dewey, let him not forget thatthe famous 24th and 25th, and 9th and 10th colored regulars are just as daring and brave, just as true and loyal to our bestarred and bestriped ensign, that has never been allowed to trail in the dust where the sinews of the black soldiers were strong enough to support it.

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We have listened in vain for the framers of the Negro Counsel, writers of the Bemoaning Negroes declaration to the White House and the Capital to sing in glad and soul stirring, wholesome refrain "They Certn'y were good to us." The Lexington Standard claims that McKinley sang a comic solo to our "big Negroes" entitled "All Coons look alike to me." Wonder if Fortune had a presentment! Oh, well there was plenty to keep him away, McKinley might have stabbed him, if he didn't sing the song.

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C. H. J. Taylor did not materialize at the seat of supplication, and where much petitions were much wanted to be made. Brother Taylor after sounding the Negroes political depths a few months ago, became so infernally disgusted over his failure to found a Ne- political party that he thought he could ill afford to ask the administration to do anything for his race, and yet we wager that in the eyes of a republican president, Mr. Taylor stands as high as any one of the in-gang, who feel themselves to be the real "it".

M. A. MAJORS, M. D.

News of Interest.

Normal, Ala., Special.

Prof. W. H. Council, Ph. D., president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College was agreeably surprised on the evening of January 20, when Chaplian William T. Anderson, Dr. Arthur M. Brown of the Tenth U. S. cavelry and Hon. Herschel V. Cashin, receiver in the land office at Huntsville, presented him with a magnificent clock and two handsome vases. The presentation was made in the chapel before the entire school and a patriotic enthusiasm was manifested. Hon. M. Cashin delivered the presentation address. Prof. Council responded in his usual pleasing manner. Dr. Brown, Chaplin Anderson and Sergeant Horace W. Bivins made brief speeches which were heartily applauded. Sergeant Bivins who own the only dog that stood an examination as a messenger to serve in Cuba, permitted Booth to give an exhibition of his talent which proved highly entertaining. After the speech making, the company was invited by Prof. Councill to proceed to the dining-room where a beautifully burdened table awaited them. Prof. Councill's service to the race is highly appreciated by all classes who know concerning it and this is one of many testimonial to his great worth and the high esteem in which he is held.

Deaths—Personal Mention.

Huntington, W. Va. Special.

G. M. Barnett died on Friday last at the ripe old age of one hundred and five years and ten months. He was the father of Rev. Nelson Barnett, founder of the Baptist church here. He was born in Virginia, and raised 15 children, of which 3 were sold during slavery, 7 died and 5 yet survive. The funeral was preached Saturday at 2 p. m., by Rev. R. J. Perkins. George Fitzgerald has been confined several week with lagrippe. Dr. R. J. Perkins left for Hinton on No 2 Saturday. The Jubilee singers had an engagement at the M. E. church Monday. Mrs. Fannie Gibbs died Thursday after a long illness. She was a member of both the St. Lukes and the Household of Ruth. Her funeral was preached Sunday by Rev. Barnett. An unusual number were out to pay the last respects. The St. Lukes are to be praised for their care over sick members, and the nice way in which they put them away. Ed. Peadleton came down to attend the funeral of his sister last week. Mrs. Gibbs funeral was postponed to await the arrival of her mother. D. W. Perden is convalescent.

News Items.

Mayfield Ky., Special.

A. Q. Green left last week on his annual visit to the Knights and daughters of Tabor in Kentucky. Rev. L. S. Hamilton, pastor of St. James A. M. E. church with the assistance of G. W. Robertson are conducting a series of meetings with great success. Rev. Howard, P. E. of Paducah district has been at home the past week getting out his district conference programme. Prof. Wm. Ratcliffe, of Milburn, Ky. closed his school the first of January and will open a private school the first Monday in February. Joe Brisendine and Thomas Blythe have purchased the stock of groceries of Wm Smith and will continue business at the same place on South Water st. Mrs. Irna Perkins, of Clinton, Ky., visited Miss Maggie Boatwright last week. Mrs. A. Q. Green and Miss Fleeter Brown visited in Fulton, Ky., last Sunday. Rev. J. J. McCutchen pastor of the Fairview Baptist church has been granted leave of absence for a week and he is visiting in the Blue Grass regions of the state. Rev T. P. Smith, the noted evangelist will have charge of the pulpit until the return of the pastor. Elder Cotton of the Christain Church, of Paducah, Ky., visited our city last week and preached two excellent sermons. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Nuckles. M. O. Utterback, who has had a severe attack of pneumonia is up again.

A SONG.

Ah, what is better than this, my dear,
What is better than this?
The thought of a night which has lost its way
Between tomorrow and yesterday;
The full of the tide and the gray of the sea,
And a gull that circleth endlessly;
The breath from a wind which bloweth well;
A sail that hasteth new ports to tell;
If aught is better than this, my dear,
I find it not here, I find it not here.

—Blanche Trask in "The Land of Sunshine."

JUST A CURTAIN FIRE.

It Was In a Girls' Boarding School and Did Complicated Damage.

A fire in a skyscraper may be thrilling, but for dramatic episodes and unexpected complications a fire in a girls' boarding school surpasses it. The boarding school fire is usually what is known among insurance men as a curtain fire, but a curtain fire in a girls' school is more exciting and causes more casualties than an ordinary blaze anywhere else.

One evening last week two girls, who occupy a microscopic hall bedroom in a swell up town school, took the globes off the gas fixtures for hair curling purposes and left them off, because it was easier to do that than to put them on again. Then the girls raised the window a trifle in order to cool the room and dutifully sat down to write home letters. The inevitable happened, and when girl number one poised her pen in the air and glanced around the room in search of inspiration she saw the curtains in a blaze. She screamed. Girl number two looked around and echoed the scream. Then, with promptitude and discretion, both girls fainted. The screams had attracted the attention of the other girls, who rushed to the scene and then did various and sundry stunts, according to their several dispositions. One fainted, several wept, a few ran out of the house, and the rest shouted for the one man on the premises.

When he arrived, things looked rather hopeless. Curtains and woodwork were blazing finely. The floor was littered with prostrate forms, and when three girls have fainted on the floor of a hall bedroom there isn't much space in the room for promenading. The man picked his way across the prostrate forms and ordered all the girls who were not in a dead faint to leave the room, but they didn't go until he lost his temper and spoke with a force which isn't common in boarding school circles. Then they fled; but, unluckily, there was an enemy in the rear. A vigorous and practical woman from Texas had been inspired to go after some water. Returning in mad haste with a large pitcherful of water borne triumphantly aloft, she collided with the retreating forces at the door. The pitcher struck the leader of the retreat squarely in the face and knocked out two of her front teeth, whereupon the injured girl made the fainting trio a quartet and the water carrier dropped her pitcher and went into violent hysterics.

Hysteria, as boarding school teachers know to their sorrow, is contagious, and the one case touched off the crowd. By the time teachers arrived upon the scene the fire was out, but the survivors were in a bad way. It was necessary to put nine-tenths of the school to bed and order wholesale doses of bromide. Even now the girls insist that they haven't recovered from the shock sufficiently to do hard studying, and the victims of the water pitcher are both under the care of trained nurses. As for the man, he gave up his place the next day and confided to the cook that he was going to look for a job in a lunatic asylum, where his boarding school experience would be of value to him.—New York Sun.

English Penny Novels.

Penny novelettes differ from one another in externals rather than in internals. The get up of the better sort is neat and attractive. The type is clear, and the covers might even be called "artistic" in the catholic sense of the term. The inferior kinds are indifferently printed "on gray paper with blunt type," and there are many degrees of excellence between the two extremes. All except one have illustrations ranging from the rudest of woodcuts to the smudgiest of "process" plates. Of course the artist selects the most sensational incidents for his pencil to adorn. The stabbing of the heroine's father by the villain disguised as the hero, the kidnaping of the heroine by Black Tom and his gang of gypsies at the instigation of her jealous rival, the horsewhipping of the villain by the hero in "faultless" evening dress—these and their like naturally present themselves as thoroughly suitable and congenial subjects.—Blackwood's Magazine.

Malicious Interference.

"I'll get even with that printer," said the editor of the Plunkville Bugle, "if it takes me the rest of my life."

"What printer?" asked his friend.

"That tramp I took on while my wife was visiting her mother. I got a $10 write up out of old Hiker, who is laying his pipes for the senatorship, and I said that some day his little son would make as big a mark as his father, and that villain fixed it that the young 'un would 'be' as big a mark, etc."—Indianapolis Journal.

A Useless Wish.

"Oh," sighed the poetic lady, "had I the wings of a bird!"

"Don't!" protested her husband. "Don't wish for the wings of a bird. If you had them, some other woman would probably be wearing them on her hat before the season is over."—Washington Star.

A well known professor says that over a large area of central Russia the magnetic needle does not point north or south. It is in one part deflected to the west, and at another part to the east, and at one place it points due east and west.

The eggs of a bluebottle fly, if placed in the sun, will hatch in two or three hours.

A TRAPPED BURGLAR

THE NICELY PREPARED BAIT WAS EAGERLY TAKEN.

It Cost the Ingenious Man Who Devised the Scheme $400 or $500, and It Cost the Burglar Four Years' Time.

"Of course," said the retired burglar, "a man in my business is always on the lookout for traps and most of 'em he can circumvent without much trouble. But men go to a lot of trouble and expense to lay traps, and sometimes they get up something that is new and effective. I suppose that any man going into a dwelling house would be sure to look over the bureaus and dressing tables in the sleeping rooms. It was this well known professional habit no doubt that had suggested the idea of a trap I came across once, which a man had had built with a view to catching anybody that might stand in front of the bureau in his room.

"I imagine that this man must have been visited before and been very much irritated by it, because he never could have gone to all the trouble and expense he did just for mere protection—there was clearly some feeling in it. It was a handsome room, promising looking from its richness, and when I turned my light on the bureau, where I went, naturally enough, to begin, I was not disappointed. There was a glitter of glass and silver in the bullseye, and as I swept the light along it struck a pocketbook that didn't glitter much, but that looked fat and comfortable, and a watch that did shine, and, take it altogether, it made me think that here was the home of a man that didn't have to work nights to make both ends meet. And so I set my lamp down on one end of the bureau—it made me laugh, actually, to think that there was so much good stuff there that I had to shove something one side to make room for it—and put my bag down on a chair that was there and began cleaning the things off.

"I'd just put the silver hairbrushes in the bag and had turned around to the bureau again to pick up the pocketbook and the watch when I heard, or it seemed as though I felt, a little click, and just the faintest touch of a jarring or yielding under my feet, and the next instant, a long time before I could jump or do anything whatever, a piece of the floor under my feet about three feet square dropped out from under me, and down I went.

"But I didn't give up, by a long shot. I was an ablebodied man, and my hands were free—my lamp being then on the corner of the bureau and my bag on the chair—and I wasn't going to give it up yet, if I was going down a trap. The trapdoor was hung on hinges on the side farthest from the bureau, and I laughed to myself as I put up my hands and thought how easy it was to grab on to the edge of the solid floor running along just in front of the bureau and haul myself up. Truly it seemed like a waste of money, all the expense this man had been to to put in the trap without guarding against the chance of escape from it by just this means, and I already imagined myself climbing out as I threw up my hands, which I did before I'd dropped much more'n half of my length below the level of the floor, gripping that firm edge very tightly. I was going to make sure of that.

"And I got it all right, but in about a millionth part of a second I became conscious of the fact that it wasn't stopping me at all; I was carrying it down with me. It was the front edge of another trap cut in the floor under the bureau, hinged at the back and held up in place by a spring just strong enough to keep it in position. I held on as hard as I could, but if I had had iron fingers and steel muscles I couldn't have held on after the trap had swung down straight. I went down like a ton of lead, and the next minute I found myself sliding through a smooth board tunnel not much bigger'n enough to let me slide comfortably, and the next minute I'd been shot into a box or room about seven feet square through another trap in the top of it that closed flush after I came through.

"Now, there was a situation for you. Me in a square box of hard pine, apparently in the cellar of the house, no opening in it anywhere and my bag with all my tools in it up there on the chair by the bureau and me down there with nothing, not a blessed thing, to work with. But while there's life there's hope, and I never should have thought of such a thing as giving up if I could have had a chance. But I didn't. I hadn't been in the box two minutes before there was a slide pushed back up near the top on one side, and a man looked in. It was the boss of the shanty. And in five minutes the police were there, and then I found they had a door in this box big enough to get a man out of.

"I have seen other traps as elaborate, but none more costly. He had to cut his carpet, to begin with, around the traps in this room. Of course that didn't cost anything much, but it spoiled his carpet, and then the cost of the traps and the time contrivance, whatever it was, that was attached to the main trap that let me stand on it for a minute or two before it dropped, and then the shoot and the box and the whole business couldn't have cost a cent less than $400 or $500. It cost me four years' time."—New York Sun.

The Honeymoon.

An early Anglo-Saxon custom, strictly followed by newly married couples, was that of drinking diluted honey for 30 days after marriage. From this custom comes the word honeymoon or honeymonth.

Persons who don't know enough to come in out of the wet are not likely to be the salt of the earth for any length of time.—Detroit Journal.

SENT FREE TO MEN

G. B. Wright was restore to health and makes this generous offer.

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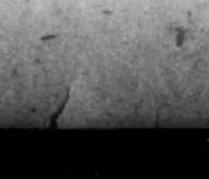

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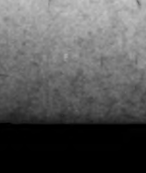

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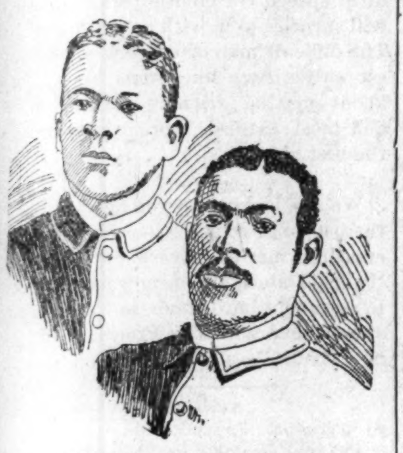
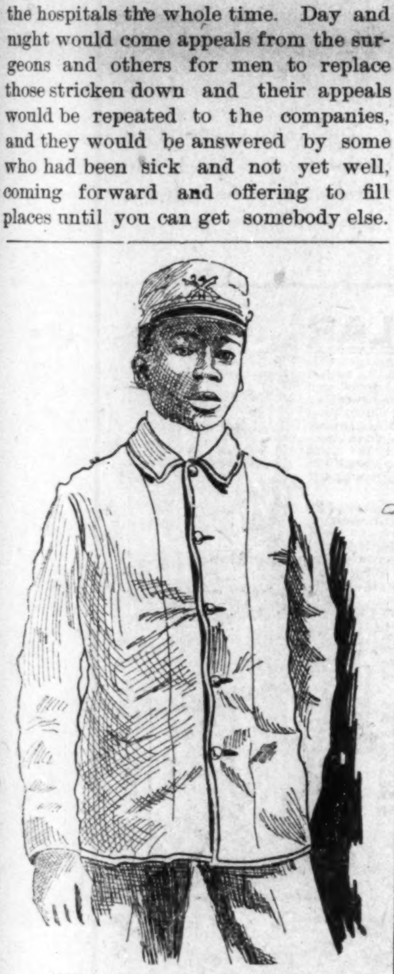
(Continued From Last Week)

In a report of the service of the 24th Infantry while on duty at the yellow pest camp an officer in the service to the war department said, speaking of of the situation that confronted them on their arrival at the camp. "First the rather staggering demand for 65 nurses, for the pest camp were called for, the others being for nurses cooks, burial parties, attendents for the hospital proper. Volunteers for the service were then called for. This was the crucial test of the metal of the men and an anxious movement indeed. A course of action was decided on and matters explained to the men and volunteers for the pest camp were asked to step forward. From one company alone fifteen men gallant fellows responded and this fine example soon produced more than were need for all purposes."



The picture at the top is that of private Duffy Nunn, Co. H. 24th Infantry one of the gallant privates that led the charge on San Juan Hill.

By the end of July yellow fevor had over run all the hospitals, all was a pest camp, seperation of the cases was impossible all wards had it, surgeons, nurses and stewards were now among the patients. Of the 65 enlisted men sent as nurses, most had succumbed their places being filled by others, and when these went down the gaps made vacant were filled by others from the regiment, and this was the case in all the hospitals the whole time. Day and night would come appeals from the surgeons and others for men to replace those stricken down and their appeals would be repeated to the companies, and they would be answered by some who had been sick and not yet well, coming forward and offering to fill places until you can get somebody else.



PRIVATE SOLOMON SMITH

Of the 24th Infantry is the youngest soldier in the regular army, but he stayed with the boys when they went up San Juan Hill.

Often out of the whole regiment it would be impossible to get a dozen men for fatigue duty, and those reported were really not fit to work, but rarely availed themselves of the permission always given to be excused if not able but would always keep at it until they had to give up. It is a notable fact that in the 40 days the 54th Infantry was at Siboney not a murmur from a soldier in the regiment was heard.

The above is a glowing tribute to the Negro race, not alone this one regiment of him. In it is revealed the highest quality of the black man: the quality of being able to turn from the field of strife and bloodshed to that of humanity from that of killing to succoring the dying.

Another officer in writing of the work of this regiment in the fight before Santiago, said, "From my personal knowlege of the conduct of this regiment under fire; from reports concerning their conduct after the surrender; of the trying duties performed by both the officers and men at Siboney where they volunteered as nurses and attendants in the hospitals among the yellow and malarial fever patients in addition to the police duty required of them, I think their conduct merits the admiration and commendation of those in authority and of all soldiers made aware of their conduct."

This is another sample of opinion that will serve to give an idea of what military authorities themselves think of the value of the black soldier. However rife pessimism may grow as to the destiny of of the black man in America, the bold martial spirit in him, coupled with that of ever being willing to turn his hand where it can do the most good; sympathetic, loyal and yielding, reassures us of his future. As a soldier he has come to stay and through this I truly feel our future structure of solid manhood is to come. The life disciplines him and better fits him for cival walks than any other agency by building in him true self respect. No soldier is more proud of his good valorous deeds than he and one does not need to be a philosopher to see that he is the future American soldiery.

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Albert Ayres,
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EXPANSION OR NO EXPANSION.

To expand or not to expand, is the question that is uppermost in the minds of the American people. Whether 'tis better to enlarge our present bounds, serve humanity and thus glorify ourselves in the eyes of the world by so doing, or content ourselves with our present domain, heedless of the plaudits, "Well done, etc.," and regardless of humanity.

The situation is an extremely awkward one. The opinion of the best informed as to the outcome of the proposed annexation is but an opinion still. There is absolutely no data from which to proceed. The very small experience of this country in dealing with such problems has thrown the nation at sea and man's individual opinion threatens to dominate rather than political encyclicals or administrative programs.

But the condition seems fairly forced on the government. It intervened in the interest of Cuba at the behest of humanity. As an expedient of war these islands were wrested from their ancient tyrant, master and enemy, Spain. In the interest of that same humanity these islands should not be returned to the instrument of the years of disorder.

Further; there stands the other omnivorous nations of Europe, with whetted beaks and clasped talons, ready to banquet to the carcass the disintegrating Spain. In the interest of peace, in the world around, America holds the key to the situation. England says, no; keep all you get, thus casting in its mighty consent, which is not given out of its great love for America, but because it does not tend to lessen her European supremacy. Very likely her political sagacity would advise against the acquiring of such a warlike tributary as the Philippines. However, she prefers that they do not go to the rival powers. The situation is about the same in the other countries.

Thus America is forced to enjoy her new acquired posessions in the interest of peace as well as humanity. Yet notwithstanding those opposing forces that compel the situation, our country is not a unit on the annexation movement.

It seems that there is nothing left but to annex, as foreign to the idea of American solidarity as it may appear, and as contrary to the Monroe Doctrine as it is. However the Monroe Doctrine was not divinely inspired although it quite suited the day in which it was uttered. The country has not repudiated the doctrine; but it has in spite of itself been forced to take on new obligations—the fortunes of war.

It cannot be seen how America can honorably escape the obligations, yet there may be the penalty for annexation. If this be true; America cannot escape the penalty.

The Filipinos are posessed with much pride and independence of spirit and have some notions of government. They feel that they should try their hand in managing affairs.

Their pride is pardonable, but enlightened governments are not born in a day.

The bushmen of to-day cannot be the legislator of to-morrow. Hence the utmost that our country could consistently do would be to give them the best form of government possible under the circumstances; void of all sentiment and when they can maintain that, that which insures domestic tranquility, showing superiority to the rule of Spain then the staying hand of America might be withdrawn.

Or under such wise laws and regulations as America would enforce, the chances are that hostility to American institutions would cease to exist and the consent of the governed, the ground work of the American government would not be violated.

Ralph W. Tyler, of Columbus, in the Colored American gives some astounding figures as to the cost of sustaining a great daily. He says that $50,000 is not nearly sufficient as a working capital. He also feels that the idea is not feasible holding that the field is too broad for the carrying out of such a design. Mr. Tyler is right. Let the people make great weeklies, where the known possibility exists. Let there be established great weeklies well on the road to success before the vaster experience is tried even were it practicable.

J. F. Jones, of Jones and Barton, of Sayersville, merchants, writes The Freeman a fairly caustic letter as to the hair straightening devices advertised in it. Mr. Jones is also Post Master in his town; he is a colored man and he is thinking. There is much to be said condemnatory to the hair straightening and face whitening craze but it is on, Mr. Jones is not the only one that is ashamed of the marked tendency to escape the race.

The twenty-third anniversary of the Meharry Medical College, the thirteenth anniversary of the Dental department and the tenth anniversary of the Pharmaceutical Department of the Central Tennessee College will be held in Nashville, Wednesday evening, Feb. 1st.

The Progress, of Omaha, Neb. is noted for its copious reproduction of the editorial comment of the Negro press. It serves as a mirror in this particular in reflecting back in a condensed form the best journalistic thought.

The Boston Courant is growing decidedly rampant for an institution belonging to the staid old town of Boston. In the issue of the 28th ult., it sets forth the little disagreement between The Freeman and the New York Age. It winds the matter up with this consolatory conclusion:

> Gentlemen, be easy and go slow; neither McKinley nor Reed will be President in 1901. The Courant will name the man—William J. Bryan. All the Republicans now in office at Washington ought to be dead and in the same grave with President Garfield.

By reading between the lines some evidences of vented spleen is noted, but just what the Courant is driving at unless it is general political demoralization, it is quite difficult to see. In the same issue it has this to say:

> "Henry Cabot Lodge's speech last Tuesday was a disgrace to Massachusetts and her leading citizens. The man wants to read more and know what he is talking about. The idea of a Massachusetts man getting up in Congress and talking foolishness. He knows as much about imperialism as an Esquimeaux knows about the heat of the Equator. Nahant is the best place for such a light headed fellow."

Senator Lodge has been held in high esteem in these parts as all personages of the Bostonian flavor only can be held. Wherein consisted this disgrace on the part of one of the community's high priests, that calls for such a ferocious arraignment that so nearly approaches an assault and battery? This is not asked out of idle curiosity but for information pure and simple. So, from what we see we are to understand that if the Courant should have its way all the Negroes of Massachusetts would enlist under the Bryan banner. No man at this late day is under any obligations to advertise his political affiliations. But when an individual or set of individuals suddenly change their base of operations, it is not too much to expect that reasons for such sudden convictions be given. The Freeman stands no special champion of the Administration. It has never been favored by it further than a commercial exchange known as "for value received." In many respects politica administrations are very much like individuals, "that which he hath he pursueth not." Yet the good of selecting Wm. J. Bryan in the stead of the present administration cannot be seen. It does not appear that the tenets of that party promises amelioration from the actual or imaginary conditions of the race. In the great amount of love shown the race, the zeal may be misplaced if the affections are to be fixed on a known desert, where there can be no possible returns. Mr. Bryan's party is as convictionless as Mr McKinley's, on the Negro question even more so. Why Mr. Bryan?

There is nothing to do but to annex the Phillippines, temporarily at least. In the ratification of the treaty, $20,000,000 is included. The treaty will be ratified and this vast sum is not to be thrown away.

It is hoped that North Carolina will forego her determined intention of destroying the long enjoyed privileges of the Negroes within her borders.

Missouri now comes to the front with a proposition to inaugerate the "Jim Crow" car system. Will the many Negroes of Missouri stand the proposed insult?

RACE GLEANINGS

Iphigenia in Euripides and Racine, by Professor W. S. Scarborough, of Wilberforce University was one of the features of the American Philological society, of 1998.

Robt. L. Anthony, formerly a teacher in the Indianapolis schools is now in the business of manufacturing pens in Du-Quoin, Ill. He is also interested in an institution known as the National Correspondence College.

The National Home for Aged Dependent Negro Ex-Slaves, established five years ago at St. Joseph, Mo., by several prominent Negroes, has passed into the hands of Father Graham, of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church. He says it will continue to be a non-sectarian institution.

The annual Tuskegee Negro Conference will be held this year on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1899 and the workers Educational conference on Thursday, 24th, at Tuskegee, Alabama. The Negro conference is composed of hundreds of representative farmers, mechanics, ministers and teachers from all parts of the South. The Workers Conference is composed of the Presidents of and the instructors in colored institutions of high grade in the South. These gatherings have proven most profitable in the past and it is believed that the Conference to be held this year will prove no exception to the rule. All of the friends of the institution, North and South as well as all others interested in these conferences are invited. Further information will be gladly given by Booker T. Washington, Principal, Tuskegee Institute, if sought.

A. M. E. BISHOPRIC.

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the press and passed muster who were shrewd enough to keep fatal secrets hid and who are now aware that the trick hvs been discovered and who are rushing around to head off and to kill off all who might expose them. They know that exposure would be death. While some may have escaped the argus eye of The Freeman more than half a dozen unworthy men have been detected in time and stopped.

Not a man is at present in the field whose record is not known thoroughly and as circumstances direct it will be discussed. Good men will be defended against every foe and unworthy men will be exposed in spite of all their schemes. The office of bishop is a high and holy office and upon it hangs too much responsibility to allow it to be bought and sold or obtained by any trade or bargain. No combination can elect an unworthy man if The Freeman says no and no tricks will easily defeat a worthy one if he is defended by The Freeman.

Just watch The Freeman and at the proper times you will get the facts about each man and will get them fairly and fearlessly stated. If a man is pronounced alright you can count on it, if he is denounced you can expect to see each count proven either in debate or elsewhere. Watch the articles of

JIM STRAIGHT.

Grand Session of F. & A. M.

Lansing, Mich., Special.

The twelfth annual communication of Union Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. for the state of Michigan and jurisdiction convened at Lansing Mich. Jan 31, 1899. The reception and banquet to the Grand Lodge officers was held in the parlors of the First Baptist church, a large beautiful stone structure. On Feb. 2, a prominent speaker was present and respond to toasts, and altogether it was be quite an elaborate affair. The Ladies' Reading Club celebrated its first anniversary Jan. 18th, at the handsome home of Mrs. F. W. Taylor on South Larch street. A highly interesting and very pleasant musical and literary program was rendered after which elaborate refreshments were served. The decorations were palms, carnations and roses. This club takes an advanced stand among literary organizations and its members show remarkable musical and literary attainments. The community may congratulate itself upon the possession of such a club. Recently the Lansing Business University offered prizes to persons contributing the largest number of words from the letters of its name, and two of our highly esteemed colored gentlemen won the first and second prizes. A. Dungey, W. M. of Capital Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M., made out 3,314 words and got 1st prize, a $30 course in book keeping. Herman Simpson made out 3,198, and received second prize, a $15 course in book keeping. The Literary Society of the Bap. church has interesting debates Monday evenings. Its pastor, Rev. Bowers, comtemplates going to Chicago on business and from thence to Ann Arbor to attend the college. The A. M. E. church is holding good revival meetings. Five have joined since Xmas.

A Correction.

To the editor of The Freeman:—I find that your compositor had made one of those grave errors which considerably embrasses a single man in stating that Captain Hull, of whom I took the liberty to inform the readers of The Freeman last week is a married man. Permit me to say that the sentence in which it is stated that: "During the last three years of his 'married' life etc" should read: During the last three years of his college life he was greatly assisted by Prof. W. S. Scarborough. Very Truly,

CHARLES ALEXANDER.

Picked Up in Passing.

Seattle, Wash., Special.

On the sick list,—Mrs. B. Taylor, of St. Paul, Mrs. J. Green, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. J. Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, of Dyea, Alaska. are visiting in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Henderson, of St. Paul have purchased a residence. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rideout, of Alaska, have purchased property. Mr. Walter Griffin has given up the idea of being editor of the Western Sun, and has gone to preaching. Miss Clara Threet left for the east the first of the month to study music. Wm. Wilson has gone to Junedu, Alaska, to spend the winter. Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodson are the parents of a fine baby boy.

New Albany News.

New Albany, Ind., Special.

The U. B. F. order attended the funeral of Rev. Kinchlow of Jeffersonville last week. Chas. Childres who sustained injuries from a dinkey engine a few weeks ago continues to improve. Mrs. Henry DeMarr presented her husband with a fine boy last week weighing thirteen pounds. The boy preacher and the Salvation Army assisted Elder Cherry in his service Monday night at Jones Chapel. John Edmunds continues to improve from a severe case of la grippe Miss Roberts of Paris, Ky. is visiting friends in this city. The funeral of Geo. Smith who died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Bell was largely attended at the Second Baptist church last week. Service were conducted by Rev. Manuel. The revival meeting at Bethel church that has been conducted by Rev. Ratliffe closed Wednesday night on account of sickness of the members. The la grippe seems to hold full sway in this city, the reporter, reports ten new cases among colored people.

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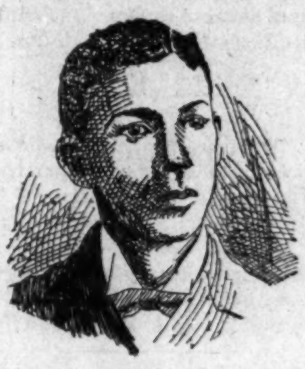
Buffalo Gleanings.

Buffalo, N. Y., Special.

Mrs. John Proyer of Elmira, is visiting friends. The "Rag Time Ball," given by Alonzo Davir and Norman Tucker was quite a success, the Grand March was led by Nelson Fairbush and wife. Mrs. Lydia Thompson entertained the Flour De Lias Club last Thursday evening at her residence 58 Sycamore street. The evening was spent very pleasantly with cards and dancing until about a quarter of twelve. supper announced which was served at Mrs. Thompson's mother's Mrs. Smith. Covers were laid for 14 and the table was laden down with everything to suit the appite and they also indulged at the punch bowl, The ladies present were the Misses Addie Hamilton, Mabel Carter, Grace Leggett, Minnie Sarcenent and Nettie Sarcenent. The gentlemen were Messrs Robert Mason, Charlie Highgate, Edward Lee, Edward Jackson, Charlie Lewis, Howard Firley, Percey Linith. After supper they all returned to Mrs. Thompson's where they enjoyed the balance of the evening in dancing until a late hour when they all went home feeling that they had enjoyed a pleasant evening. Miss Fannie Jackson of 225 Clinton street is convalescent from the grip. Messrs Frazier and Wright have opened a first class restaurant which is called the Palms Beach Cafe, 102 Clinton street. They cordially invite the traveling and theatrical friends to give them a call.

The Editors Talk



THOMAS MAYS, JR.

Mr. Mays our energetic news gatherer and agent, is a credit to his race. Bardstown, Ky., his home should take special pride in this young man. He has been a hustler for The Freeman for sometime and his work in this capacity shows that he is a safe manager of affairs, has, stalwart ability, and goes at things with a snap and a push that guarantees success. Mr. Mays has the right ring and demonstrates that there is good metal in him. His career is a prosperous one, and a bright future in the realm of earnest patient effort. Let other young men who see this, show like Mr. Mays what they too can do with a firm resolve to "turn something up." Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits.

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The Freeman continues to gain admirers. There is no end to the testimonials that comes daily to our office, attesting the present worth to the race. Agents have no fear, there is no paper yet in sight that can follow The Freeman pace. The thousands of Southern homes to which it goes weekly are made happy because they get the best of what happens in Negro life.

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There are a great many young men and women who would like to make money, but they do not know how to canvass.—It takes nerve and they do not possess this sterling quality. Grit and get-there in spite of obstacles has made many a man valuable to his community. It takes a wide-a-wake worker in these hustling times to make any good thing go. Spur-up—try to do better each day. Do not get easily discouraged, make yourself felt anyhow.

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Agents, have an object in view. Systematize your work. Lay out so much canvassing to do each day. Take for instance so many blocks a day. Try the same person over and over, some time you catch a person who wants the paper in a good humor, and with the essential wherewith too, and by a nice little speech, or gentle persuasion they will surprise you with a subscription. The difficult man often makes the longest subscriber, like some people are about getting friendly. The hardest and most earnest work always brings the best returns.

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We are looking to you agents, to tell the people of your sections about our increasing merits. Everybody writes of the good times, no one now has anything to say about hard times in renewing or subscribing for The Freeman. Times now should be smooth with you.

News Items.

Springfield, O., Special.

Revival services are being conducted at North street A. M. E. church, Rev. Johnson delivered an eloquent discourse Sunday morning. Mrs. Maxwell is recovering from an attact of la grippe. The young ladies of the city entertained in honor of the home coming of the soldier boys. Mrs. Bell was burried from A street A. M. E. church, last Sunday week. On Sunday last occured the wedding of Mr. Shelton and Miss Mamie Bell, at the home of her parents on Fair street, Rev. Jhonson of North street church performed the ceremony. Mrs. Brooks is looking forward to a visit from her daughter Miss Maggie of the Senegambian Carnaval in the near future. Mr. Peters is on the sick list. Mrs. Nimbers who has been sick with la grippe, is slowly convalesing.

The Indianapolis Freeman issued a Xmas number which was highly complimentary to its éditor and publisher as well.—South Western Christian Advoc

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ROUTE:

Black Patti Troubadours—Vancouver, B. C. Feb. 6; N. Whatcom, 7.

Canadian Jubilee Singers And Imperial Orchestra—Champaign, Ill., Feb. 6; Monticelo, 7; Decatur, 8; Springfield, 9; Lincoln, 10.

Georgia, Up-to-Date—Wells, Minn., Feb. 5.

John W. Vogel's Mastodan Minstrels and Extravaganza Co.—Greenfield, Ind., Jan. 30; Rushville, 31; Madison, Feb. 1; Columbus 2; Lynchburg, 3; Aurora, 4.

Martels, "South Before The War."—Sante Fe N. M., Jan. 30; Las Vegas, 31; Raton, Feb. 1; Canon City, Col. 2; Florence, 3; Aurora, 4.

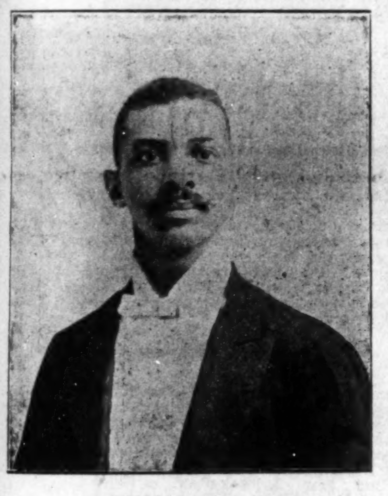
Maharas' Mammoth Minstrel—ElPaso, Tex. Feb. 14.

Oliver Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels.—Warren, Pa., Feb. 6; Jamestown, N.. Y., 7.

P. T. Wright Nashville Students—Centralia, Mo., Feb. 6; Mexico, 7; Columbia, 8; Moberly, 9; La Plata, 10; Kirville, 11.

Richards, Pringles, Rusco & Holland's Minstrel Festival—Laurens, S. C., Feb. 6; Chester, 7; Spartanburg, 8; Ashville, N. C. 9; Nnoxville, Tenn., 10; Chattanooga, 11.

Washburn's Double Minstrels—Lawrence, Mass., Jan., 30-31; Salem, Feb. 1-2; Haverville 3-4.



WILLIAM C. HANDY.

The above is an exact likeness of Mr. William C. Handy, band master with Mahara's minstrels. Mr. Handy has been three seasons with this company and has become quite popular as a cornet soloist, due to the "soul" which he puts in all he plays. As a band master he has made much success and once on being asked by the manager how "he accomplished so much with such little trouble," he replied: "My mother and father tought me the Golden Rule, when a child and I have not forgotten it." He is studious, energetic and courteous and never fails to make friends. Florence, Ala., is his birth place and home and he owes his first lessons in music to Prof. Y. A. Wallace an educator and experienced vocalist. He is a lover of his race and wishes to be able to do something for it besides adding to the harmony of its characteristic songs.

C. D. Brooks sends regards to Tom Logan and other friends.

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Stern's Black Troubadours are holding active rehearsals at Denver, Col.

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Richard H. Barnett sends regards to Harry L. Gillam and sister Bessie.

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Napolean Black sends regards to Bob Kemp and all members of the Georgia Minstrels.

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Simpson and Pittman, high-class musical artists, are coming rapidly to the front. The boys have a swell lot of new instruments, and they never fail to please the people.

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Miss Laura Walker, the Virginia nightengale, is still very prominent in the olio with John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels considering the applause she receives at each performance.

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Lilly Woods and Gil Garay members of John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels mourn the loss of their brother, Harry P. Woods, who died Jan. 22, at Chicago, Ill. He was 22 years of age, and a non-professional.

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P. G. Lowery is looking forward to have a first class concert band this summer. He is using great care in selecting the best talent of the United States. He will appear in all of the cities of America.

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Bobby Kemp and S. E. Dodd, both members of the Famous Georgias, have joined hands and will be seen next season in a swell up-to-date musical act. Mr. Dodd is now astounding the public playing his new polka bearing his name.

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Will Goff Kennedy, the operatic baritone, filled a successful engagemet at the Orpheum Theatre, Denver, Col., last week. Mr. Kennedy has signed with Stern's Black Troubadours for the summer season. He sends regards to Will Garland, Wm. Malone and Richard Lewis.

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The Tuxedo Quartette and Comedy company are laying off this week at Quincy, Ill., and will open again Feb. 6. The company now includeds: Fred Gentry, Prince McCabe, Miss Lizzie Brown, Miss Nettie Barnett, Napolean Black, business manager; Richard H. Barnett, stage manager and musical director.

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P. G. Lowery entertained the members of the Isham Octoroon company, Jan. 26, in Chicago, by showing what could be done on the cornet by imitating two cornets playing "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" in double pedals below, also showing the science of holding a note a minute. They said that there is but one Lowery.

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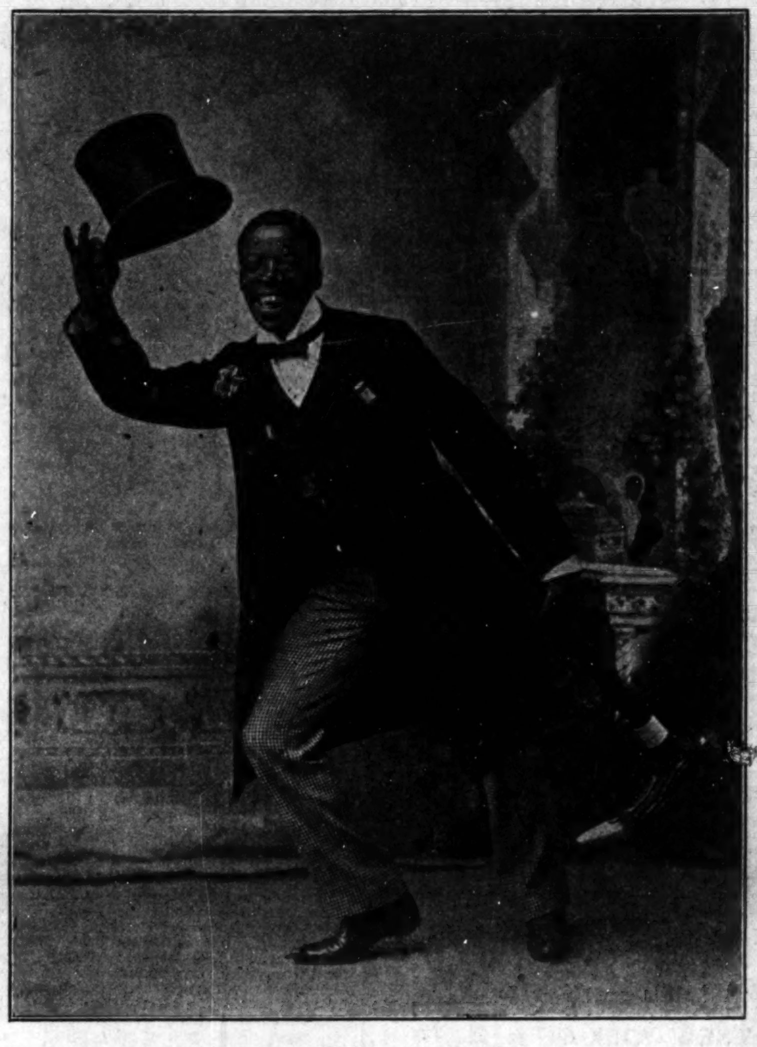
Herbert LaShe, novelty slack wire artist, now with John W. Vogel's Minstrels, has written a farce comedy, entitled "Two Gay Coons from Darktown" in three acts, all rights reserved. He will produce it at Cedar Rapids, Ia., during the summer for six weeks, afterwhich he will join John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels for season '99-1900 in a new wire act with special scenery



WILLAM ENGLISH HERSEY.

WILLIAM ENGLISH HERSEY,
(English,)

was born at Hannibal, Mo., November 12, 1875 and received his early education at Douglass school under that able educator, Prof. J. H. Pelham. Mr. English is justly styled "The Prince of Eccentrics," and has pleased audiences in all parts of the United States and Canada with an original humor that is simply irresistable. He is a clever athlete, a graceful dancer, a good vocalist, a bright monologuist and an exceptionally good all-round performer. He has filled successful engagements with Harry and John Kernell's company, Evans and Hoey's company, Miss May Irwin's company, Robert B. Monroe's "Hogan's Alley" company, Sheridan and Flynn's "City Sports" company, Tony Pastor's Own Company, Baker & Farron, Sam T. Jack's "Creoles," Edward E. Rice's "Clorinda" company, late of George Lederer's "Yankee Doodle Dandy" company and is now filling an engagement of four weeks (with a privelege of a renewal of contract) at Koster & Bial's, New York city, where his work has given such general satisfaction that he has been compelled to refuse further future contracts, as he is now booked solid up to 1903, and leaves for Europe next spring. He attributes his past and present success largely to the advise, aid and foresight of that brainy young performer, Bob Cole of Cole & Johnson's company.

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The following well known musicians and vocalists appeared on the progam at the State House, Feb. 1st. Profs. R. Byron Shelton, and Jas. A. Willis, and Messrs. C. Clifford Lewis, and F. Fowler Brown. Gov. Mount, the various Senators, Representatives and other prominent dignitaries were among the vast throng of delighted hearers.

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Mr. Eddie Furber, of Furber and Davis, and Miss Bessie Weston, a nonprofessional, of Indianapolis, Ind., were married at New York City, Jan. 11, by Alderman James J. Smith. The affair was a pleasant surprise to the many friends of the happy pair, all of whom wish them a pleasant journey up life's hill. The bridesmaids were the Misses Maude Williams and Emma Williams, while Sammy Davis and Tom Logan officiated as best men. Mr. and Mrs. Furber will be at home at 225 West 32nd street, New York city after Feb. 1.

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It will be no surprise to the many friends of G. Elmore Whyte, the popular young musician, and R. M. Cooper, the baritone singer, to learn that they have joined hands, and will enter the vaudeville stage in an original act which they are very carefully preparing. Both young men are prime favorites among the music loving public of the Fall Cities and predict great success in the future. Messrs. Cooper and Whyte are both ardent readers of the "Black Clipper" and are sketch artists of no mean ability. They send regards to A. J. Smith, J. Ed Green and Fred Bennett.

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The Blackstone Quartette have returned again to Chicago, after a successful Eastern tour, singing in all the leading houses of the East and they were crowned with success in each and every appearance. Their singing shows musical culture that can only be brought from natural talent with patience, practice and perseverance. They sing with all true regards to musical science. In unison work they sing as one. The result of this careful selection of musicians has brought together such voices as Geo. Conley, 1st tenor; Wm. Dixon, 1st bass; W. C. Hayden, 2nd tenor; George Watkins, 2nd bass. They have an offer to go to Paris, and will accept if their future engagement in England expires by that time.

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Mr. Clifford Brooks sends the following notes from Jno. W. Vogel's Minstrels and Extravaganza Co:—From the Anderson Morning Herald. "The smoker at the Anderson Club, Jan. 27th eclipsed any stag events yet given in Anderson. During the evening 350 men gathered in the club rooms. The party was representative of the very best men in Anderson and one of the most congenial that could be brought to-gether. The fact that something over 1,500 cigars went up in smoke and half as many bottles of wine, indicates the appropriateness of the name. The early part of the evening was given over to cards and billards. At 10.30 the hilarity of the evening began with a cake walk open to all comers. J. B. Scott was master of the walk, the judges were Dr. Hunt and other experts. Miss Harriette Skehan and B. Lewis won 1st prize. At 11o'clock Jno. W. Vogel brought some of the members of his Minstrel from the Grand Opera house after the performance and some of the popular songs and minstrelsy lasted until 12:30. The Orchestra with Jno. W. Vogel's Minstrel is the best ever heard at the club. Mr. Vogel started the ball with an Overture. Among the features introduced were a quintette in Negro Melodies which was well received as they had to respond to several encores. Lawrence Chenault the greatest of all colored tenors, in solos assisted by the Capital city quartette. C. D. Brooks in songs. Chas. B. Tyler in monologues and songs. Guy Hughes and Will Lewis in songs and comedian John Rucker in musical specialties which kept the house in an uproar. The climax came in a great cake walk for $10. cash prizes. Two couples entered, Tyler and Brooks, Rucker and Chenault and each took $5. prizes. A stag dance followed and at 1 o'clock the doors closed ending the greatest social session yet held in Anderson. Then all went to a swell cafe where a bounteous spread awaited. The club will erect a stage and close the season with Jno. W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels.

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Mr. George Gaston writes the following from Columbus, O.: "The 9th batallion arrived home on the morning of the 22d. They were escorted from the depot to the armory by the Peoples' band and Prof. Sol White's band combined. With the two bands doubled they set High street on fire—there was twenty-eight musicians in the band. Clarionet Jones sends his best regards to all members of the B. O. of C. P., and also says, tell George Bailey, that the 'old wash-woman' is alright. Cicero Reed has just arrived home from Chicago, where he has been playing dates, on account of the illness of his mother. He will remain in our city for some time. Willie Jones, of Prof. Sol White's band is a coming Fred Simpson—all wish him well. Thos. Howard, manager of the People's band and orchestra, says to Piccolo Jones, that he has not got a $5.000 challenge band, but can get a cheap ticket on his band. Mr. Wm. H. Litchfield, proprietor of the famous Franklin Club, sends his best regards to Prof. Henderson Smith. There wlll be an entertainment given Feb. 10, by the Capitol Lodge, of Odd Fellows, at Odd Fellow's temple. Prof. Sol White's orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion. Arthur Lawrence, formerly of the People's orchestra, returned home to-day from Summersville, S. C. He was a member of the 9th battallion band and hospital steward. The colored people of Columbus should subscribe for The Freeman, as it is the best Negro paper published in America. Prof. Jno. Ransom was a caller at the People's orchestra rehearsal Sunday and was highly pleased at their progess. Prof. John Radcliffe is making quite a success with his new orchestra. Thos. Howard, manager of the Peoples' orchestra, would like to have the "Harlem Rag" which is being played with such success by Prof. Hailstock's orchestra."

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Mr. W. A. Seymour, our special representative with the Famous Georgias sends the following: "We are now in our twenty-eigth week of successful business. We are yet in the land of Florida. A most delightful day was spent Sunday in St Augustine, viewing the scenery of this the oldest city in America. Some of the boys spent the day in riding about the city, while others were seen catching alligators and fish. Mr. I. N. Smith who has been on the sick list for two weeks, laid off at Jacksonville for a few days, under treatment of doctors; he soon recovered and joined the show again at Gainesville, Fla. Mr. James Crosby is now singing with much success the song entitled: "Ragtime and Play it Right." Dan Avery the clever young comedian, and Miss Lizzie Hardin, the charming singer and comedienne, are continuing to fascinate the audiences with their clever work. Avery, known as "Happy Dan" is naturally funny and as one of the Big Four Comedians, he fills the extreme end, his work here is all that is looked for as a comedian. His dancing is brisk and full of comedy, in this feature he never fails to catch the audience. He is next seen in the olio, assisted by Miss Hardin. In this sketch they set the audience to roaring; and during the ten minutes that they are upon the stage nothing but laughter and merriment is affordrd, as a result of their clever work. Miss Hardin has a remarkable alto voice, which she uses to great effect; as a team they deserve much credit and are bright stars in the theatrical profession.

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Mr. Fred W. Simpson, our special representative with Oliver Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels: "We have finished our second week in the State of Pennsylvania, to exceedingly good business. Monday Jan. 30th, we began our tour of New York state, and our brainy advance agent, says that the outlook in New York is very good. Our show is running smoothly and our magnificent first-part and our olio of high-class specialties are hard to beat. The show numbers just forty people and the comedy in the hands of such efficient comedians as James White, Billy Miller, Clarence Powell and the McCarver Bros., keeps the immense audiences in a continual uproar. The vocal chorus is under the personal direction of J. Ed Green, and consequently the singing is of a high order. The individual vocalist headed by J. Ed Green are namely: Richard Lewis, Don Morrenna, Whitten Viney, W. N. P. Spiller, Ed Carter, Ralph Devine and last, but by no means least, Ben R. Moore. Allie Brown who stands to-day at the head of all slack wire performers holds the audience spellbound with his daring feats upon the wire. Mr. Brown has added a new trick to his long reportoire—walking the wire upon stilts, a most difficult trick, but Allie does it with the greatest ease. James White, singing comedian, never fails to catch them with his original parodies. Prof. Hailstock, our orchestra leader, Richard Lewis, and F. W. Simpson are all suffering with attacks of la grippe, but the boys all hope to be well in a short while. J. Eason, the famous double bass and tuba player, sends regards to all friends, and says he is in better health, than he ever was, since his advent into the minstrel business, and judging by the way John is playing the tuba, I guess he is about right. "Old Sea Lion" is playing tuba just the same as a cornet—you can't head him. The wonderful thunderous blasts that issue from his mammoth Conn tuba, down to the mellow deep tones are all that could be desired. He sends especial regards to Lloyd Cooper, Chas. Parker and J. E. Jackson."

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Nagol Mot writes the following from New York city: "Hen Wise and Miss Katie Milton left Saturday to join Graham's Southern Specialty Company. Mr. Lawrence Deas, of Deas & Wilson, received a telegram Sunday announcing the death of his mother at Toronto, Canada, and left on the first train Mr. Deas has the sympathy of his many friends in his sad bereavement. Where is Billy McClain? Benny Underwood has been down with an attack of la grippe, but is able to resume his position in the chorus at Grand Central Palace music hall. Miss Francis Barber of Norfolk, Va., is visiting Miss Florence Wallace. Tony Lucas, the genial comedian, is in Boston playing dates. Jeff DeMont joined Thayer's comedy company, Monday at Patterson, N. J. John and Ida Larkins report a big hit at Providence with there new act. Bob Russell has signed with the Gaiety Sisters for a brief engagement. Dick Franklin has severed his connection with the team formerly known as Franklin & Carmine, and will work alone. Henry Ogden has resigned his position of musical director at Henry Smith's concert hall. Jack Day has recovered from injuries sustained in a street car accident several weeks ago. Jack Ellis, Harry Manley, Will Grant and Charley Wesley, trombone, closed with Al Martin's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co., and are with us again. The recital under the supervision of Mr. Henri Strange at Bethel Chapel, Wednesday evening was a success artistically and financially. Flynn's Big Sensation Company are at Brooklyn this week. Furber and Davis are the features of Al. Reeves' show now at Buffalo. Mr. Dan Avery writes his intention of making New York city his future home. Miss Ida Disard, California's popular prima donna will reside in New York after the close of the season. Mrs. Eva Hill of Williams & Walker company is enjoying a short vacation.

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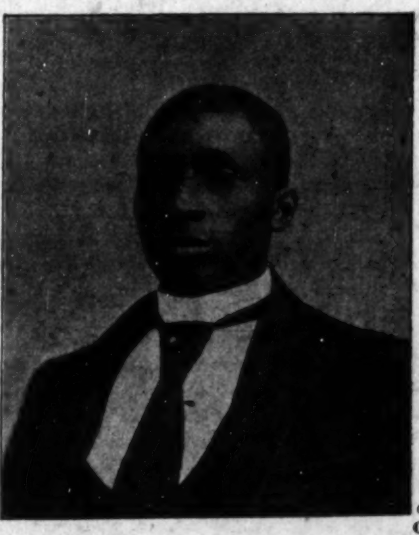

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Makes Good His Claim to Title—Pluto Lasted Just Ten Rounds Before George Dixon.

There is another championship scalplock drying on George Dixon's tepee door. He gathered it Tuesday night, Jan. 17, at the Lenox Athletic club, New York city, from the person of one "Pluto," hailing from Australia and South Africa. The one featherweight who has shown himself capable of taking care of the great "Griffo."

The Australian made a fight, but Dixon was his master and finally dropped him for good and all.

It is difficult at this time to say whether Dixon will ever be beaten. For on the above night he was as perfect a fighting machine as ever. There was the same cool ferosity, the patient, systematic work of arms and feet; the terrific rush when his man was in trouble and from first to last he was the same Dixon who moved them down before the present generation of ambitious featherweights had seen gloves. That Pluto is, in a way, clever no one can deny. His blocking, ducking and general defensive work on this occasion stamps him as an altogether first-class featherweight. But he lacked the strength and fighting ability to argue with the greatest of them all.

Pluto was to Australia what Dixon is to America. They all went down when they met him. The one man at the featherweight who was capable of holding his own with him was the "The Nipper"—Griffo. Again and again they fought short draws until they decided to finally and forever settle the question of superiority. The men started with small gloves in what was to be a finished fight, but at seventy-five rounds they were still fighting, and the night was quite gone. It was called a draw, and the men slept. Upon awaking, Pluto asked that the battle be resumed, and the argument settled, but Griffo declined and came to America a short time later, leaving Pluto the undisputed featherweight champion of Australia; as the following record goes to show:

YOUNG PLUTO'S RECORD.

			Rounds.
Sutton	Won	So. Africa	4
Barry	Won	So. Africa	4
Mike Welsh	Won	Melbourne	8
. Katen	Won	Melbourne	6
H. Ledymonth	Won	Melbourne	4
Young Fuller	Won	Melbourne	1
W. Wilson	Won	Melbourne	2
Jack Ince	Won	Melbourne	48
Dummy Mace	Won	Melbourne	6
C. Abram	Won	Melbourne	5
Burke Choune	Won	Melbourne	3
Young Griffo	Dr	Melbourne	10
Young Griffo	Dr	Melbourne	20
Young Griffo	Dr	Melbourne	15
Young Griffo	Dr	Melbourne	6
Jim Burge	Dr	Melbourne	26
J'k McGowan	Dr	Melbourne	11
Young Griffo	Dr	Melbourne	75
Bennie Marks	Won	Melbourne	11
Jerry Marshall	Won	Melbourne	3
Kid Williams	Won	Alaska	2

But there is only one George Dixon, the undisputed champion of the world, and in him Pluto met his waterloo like the rest of the aspiring champions who have met the colored wonder.

THE FIGHT BY ROUNDS.

They got to work without any particular delay. Pluto tried at the body, but was short and Dixon was at him. The Australian blocked well. As it went on Dixon got his left to the face, but Pluto unhooked a right inside of Dixon's left swing that scored five times in succession. Dixon was a bit puzzled and Pluto's blocking made it worse. George got to the nose with a good left, but Pluto got that right inside the next time and was even.

In the second Dixon fought as hard as ever in his life, but was less successful than before. Pluto went it strong, getting his left to the body on the start but doing little clean work later. They fought hard and an even round.

In the third Pluto's blocking had Dixon entirely at sea. George went everyway he knew but the block was there with now and then a jolt or rip to the body. Becoming angry at the close Dixon went after him like a cyclone and got two left swings to the neck just as the bell rang.

Pluto made Dixon do the leading in the forth, contenting himself with trying with the right at times showing how well he could block. Dixon went the route and at a gait that had Pluto a shade the more weary at the close.

In the fifth Dixon began to land clean. He got the Australian in a corner and put it on him good. Later he threw a right over that counted and had Pluto doing a run away at the close. Pluto tried with both hands all the way, but Dixon had him figured and it looked only a matter of rounds.

In the sixth round Dixon began to deliver the goods in the same old way. His left went with that awful swing fair on the jaw again and again. Then it would go with a rip to the body. The right got into the body and over on the jaw fair, but Pluto stayed, smiled and seemed to like it. Pluto's right Dixon had learned to take care of, and he could do nothing with the left.

It looked that the seventh round might end it, but Pluto came back and fought a good round. He got to Dixon's face with his left to the body and jaw, but Pluto was more cautions and did better than before. But it was Dixon's round by miles, he doing all the leading and four to one on the landing. Again in the eighth Dixon got both hands fair and hard to Pluto's head, and it looked serious, but the Australian was saving and kept away. Pluto did little damage, but avoided much by his footwork and ducking

In the ninth Dixon's left got to the nose full and started the gore. He kept coming fast with the left at body and jaw. Pluto crossed with the right, but Dixon's shoulder saved the jaw in every instance.

The finish came in the tenth. Dixon went at him like a shot. The left went to the jaw, then to the nose fair. The right, trailing, banged into the ear, and as Pluto broke he was dazed, he came at Dixon, however and Dixon mixed it savagely. Pluto was blocking his best, but there were too many in motion, and a few lefts found his jaw.

On the break Dixon again sailed in with an awful rip to the body. Then one to the head and over came the right, dropping Pluto to his knees. He arose but the faraway look in his eyes told the tale. Dixon caught him instantly with a left swing in the face, then one to the body. The Australian tried weakly to keep Dixon off with the left, but George had his game in sight and came in a hurry.

Again the left, then right for the head that sent Pluto toward the ropes. He steadied and tried to block Dixon's swinging lefts, but a right jolt to the body dropped him like a log. He rolled half over and lay motionless. The count was unnecessary. He was gone to the land of Nod.

Jack Collier, who is said to be a clever and hard-hitting colored boxer of Brookly, N. Y., has arrived in Philadelphia, Pa., and says that he does not want to be idle and is therefore anxious to get on a match with George Cole or any other boxer from 135 to 140 pounds.

ANOTHER KNOCKOUT FOR PLUTO.

New York, Jan. 18, (Special)—The cup of "Young Pluto," featherweight pugilist is brimful of sorrow. Last night poor Pluto was knocked out by George Dixon and this morning he suffered a defeat at the hands of his managers Wm. Akers and Wm. Shannon. At Least this is the tale of woe Pluto poured into the sympathetic ear of Magistrate Brann in the Centre Street Police Court this morning.

Pluto applied for the arrest of his managers on a charge of assault. According to pluto's story, his second knockout occurred at the Occidental Hotel on the Bowery. The dimutive little darkey declared that he saw Manager O'Rourke of the Lenox A. C., give his managers, $335—his share of the gate receipts last night. Out of this they gave him his car fare down town and an extra nickle for luck. Pluto thought it all a joke, borrowed a quarter from a friend and proceeded to do some celebrating.

When he awoke this morning, he sought out his managers and demanded another slice of the $335. He met with a refusal and started to argue under the Queensbury code. The managers are both heavyweights, however, and Pluto was soon counted out. Then he made his way to the Centre Street Court for another bout with Akers and Shannon under Blackstone rules, however.

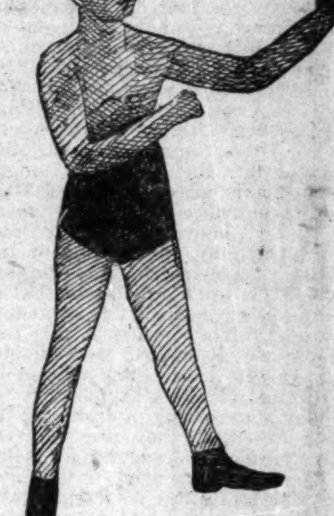
Magistrate Brann refused to issue a warrant and instead gave Pluto a summons for his managers.

Bobby Dobbs has been challenged to fight Jem Curran, the English lightweight, for the Championship. Curran has already posted a forfeit of $100 to bind the match. It is said that he can get backing to the extent of $2,500.

JOE GANS WINS FROM SMYRNA.

Joe Gans, of Baltimore, Md. knocked out "Young" Smyrna, of Chester Pa. on Friday night, Jan. 13th, in two rounds before the Eureka Athletic Club, of Baltimore. Gans contracted to defeat Smyrna in ten rounds or forfeit $50 for every round over ten that the Chester lad stayed. The latter forfeited $25 for every round under twentyfive that he failed to answer the gong.

Smyrna tried to force the fighting from the start. He rushed Gans and tried a number of times to land his heavy right hand swing, but the colored boy by clever ducking and excellent foot work easily kept out of harm's way. Gans then changed his tactics an acted as the agressor and at the close of the round landed three left hand jabs in the mouth and nose that drew blood.



JOE GANS.

In the second round Gans lost no time in getting at his opponent. Three times Smyrna went down from left hand punches in the mouth and right hand swings on the jaw, but always got up again only to receive severe punishment. His pluckiness was applauded by the 3000 spectators. He was groggy and bleeding freely, but notwishstanding he tried to rush Gans and land his right on the jaw. Gans then ripped his right around, catching Smyrna with terrible force on the jaw. Smyrna this time fell like a log and was counted out. Time, 2 min., 5 sec. Smyrna weighed in at 140 pounds and Gans, 135.

"Major" Taylor, the colored champion cyclist says that the statement accredited to him that he intended to secure colored pacemakers is not true. He says that the white pacemakers have always treated him right, and that he has no idea of training a colored pacing team,

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Chicago, Ill., Jan. 15.—"Mystery" George Kerwin has been matched to meet Joe Gans, the colored light-weight. The contest which is for twenty rounds, will be before the Lenox Athletic Club of New York City. The date has not yet been set.

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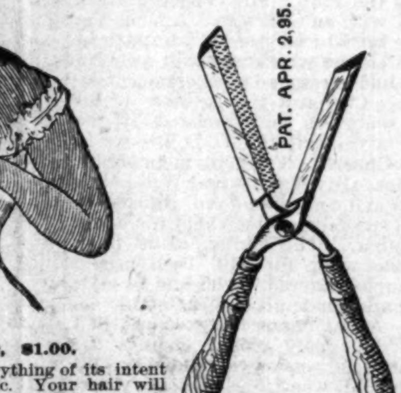

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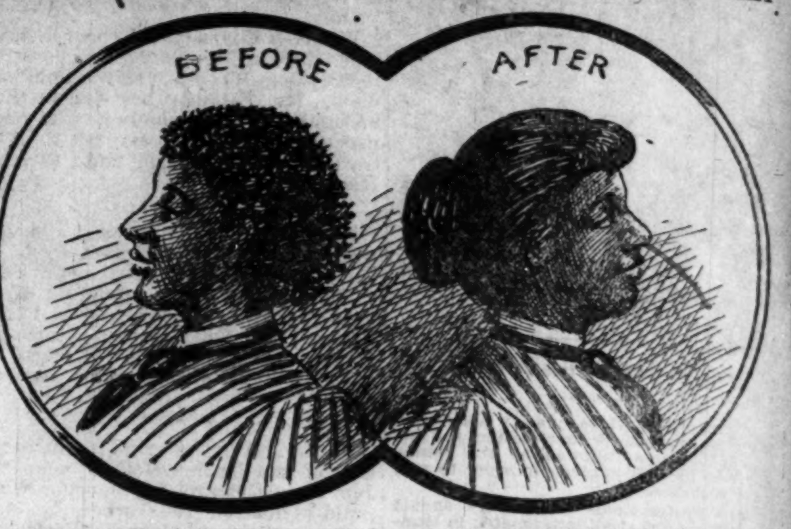

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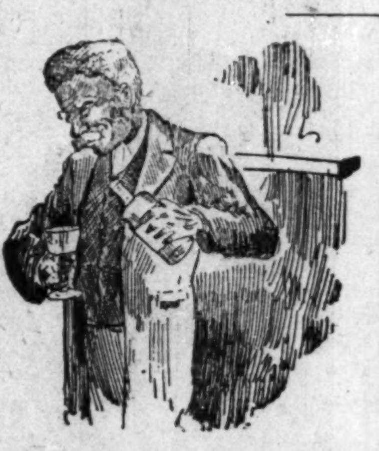

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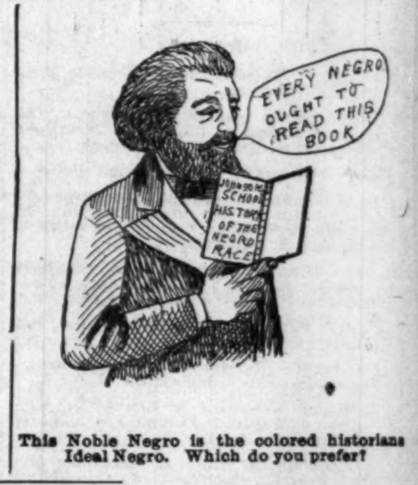
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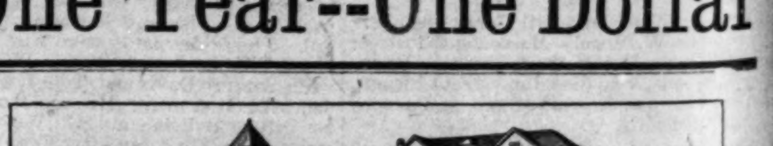

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There are some games which have never had their boom, and quoits is one of them. Still, as nothing happens but the unexpected, it may be that the time is nearly ripe for quoits to be taken out of its undeserved obscurity, to be exalted to the status of a national game, to have weekly papers named after it and to have columns in the sporting press devoted to the doings of its champions. Stranger things have happened. Who, for instance, would have said when at the end of the sixties a few energetic sportsmen went wobbling about on bone shaking bicycles which it would have been far easier to push than to ride that at the end of the century considerably more than 100,000 bicycles would be manufactured annually in Great Britain alone and that a great part of the population would adopt this means of locomotion? One cannot imagine that quoits will ever attain such popularity as the bicycle, but the unprejudiced person can see no reason why it should not become as favorite a pastime as golf, which a very few years ago was almost unheard of south of the Tweed.

Quoits is a very fine game, especially in the winter time. It is splendid exercise and trains the eye and the hand to act together in a way that few other sports can do, for the very essence of it is accuracy of aim at a mark placed below the level of the hand. It has been objected that throwing quoits makes the player lopsided, but, after all, that is easily remedied, for there is nothing to prevent the player throwing the quoit with his left hand if he so pleases, and such a change would make a variation in the game and also afford an excellent method of handicapping the men of unequal skill. Quoits strengthens the arms and shoulders, but it is not a pastime which primarily demands strength.

A great advantage of the game is that it can be played in any small space and that the ground need not be particularly level. Any rough field or waste bit of ground is good enough for a quoits pitch, and no rolling or cutting is required to satisfy the demands of the most exigent. For cricket you need a carefully prepared wicket, for lawn tennis and croquet a piece of turf like a billiard table and for golf the best part of a country all to yourself, but for quoits you only need a few yards of rough ground, and you have as good a place for throwing as any one can possibly require.

People certainly might play quoits more than they do, but the taking up of a game is usually a matter of fancy, and perhaps two things stand in the way of quoits. First, there is an idea that it is a "rustic" sport and can only be played by the rough country lads, and, second, there is the legend that the game is derived from the classical discus throwing, a suspicion which it must be confessed is enough to throw a slur on any well regulated game.

No treatise on quoits can begin without the time honored pedigree of the quoit from the discus. Strutt, who lived at the end of the last century, of course dealt with it, and equally of course he dragged in the discus even if he did not invent the descent of quoits from the sports of ancient Greece. The thing, of course, is absurd. To make a discus, the artisan did not, in the words of the immortal Irishman, take a hole and put some iron around it. The discus was more like a flattened Dutch cheese and was a solid missile. Moreover, it was not held in the same manner as a quoit, but was bowled underhand, in which indeed it alone differs from putting the weight. That quoits is now played chiefly in the country is the fault of those who do not play it and bring it into fashion.

It is no doubt a very ancient English game, and its beginnings are lost in the mist of ages. Hakluyt mentions it in his book of "Voyages," so it was well known in Queen Elizabeth's time, when it probably was one of the favorite sports of Merrie England. In some parts of the conutry the rustics used to employ horseshoes for want of properly made quoits, and there are districts in which the quoit is called a "shoe" even to this day. This gives us the clew to the most probable origin of the sport and hints that the first game of quoits was started by throwing old horseshoes at the hob or mark, and from this gradually grew up the practice of having quoits specially made for throwing. So much for the discus legend. As for the word "quoit" itself, its etymology is more than doubtful, and it gives us no clew whatever to the origin of the game.

Shakespeare, who mentions everything except tobacco, of course has a reference to the sport, and as Hakluyt was a contemporary of his it may be held to show that the spacious times of Great Elizabeth were the palmy period of quoits. It is true that he does not speak of the sport in very reputable connection, for the only mention of it occurs in the scene in which Prince Henry, Falstaff, Poins and the rest were in the Boar's Head tavern, in Eastchepe. Falstaff, in giving a character sketch of the young prince, observes that he plays quoits well, but the context very clearly shows that in Queen Elizabeth's time at any rate quoit playing was looked down upon as the idle man's recreation, much as skittles is with us. That fat Jack Falstaff, disreputable old fellow as he was, meant to imply no good of the prince by his reference to quoits is very evident. This is the only reference to quoits in Shakespeare, and it is a libel, though the sting is taken out of it by the fact that it is put into the mouth of Falstaff.—Physical Culture.

ABSORBED IN WHIST.

A Game That Cost General Doubleday a Fortune.

Not many years ago a famous whist game was played at Sudbury, Vt., two of the sitters in being General Doubleday and Henry Dater of the well known firm of Dater, Thompson & Co. It was something like 5 or 10 cents a corner; so you see it was easy for a man to lose as much as $1.90 in an afternoon. Play began after the Sudbury dinner hour, half past 1, and lasted until teatime. The old roosters became so wrapped up in the game that nothing short of an earthquake could have disturbed them. Brokers in New York could do nothing to shake the interest.

The game was played at the time of the historic Hannibal and St. Joe corner, engineered by Kennedy, Hutchinson & Co., in the interest of their client, John Duff of Boston. Doubleday was selling the stock short through Van Schaick & Co., and at a quarter to 2 on the eventful day he received a telegram from his brokers advising him of the situation. The game was stopped just long enough for him to read it and lay it aside. In 20 minutes a second dispatch arrived, was read and cast aside. Doubleday was winning at the rate of 35 cents an hour. What did he care about Hannibal and St. Joe? Later in the afternoon a third summons came from Van Schaick & Co., and at 5 o'clock a fourth. Then Doubleday arose and remarked: "Gentlemen, I have enjoyed the game. My winnings are exactly $1.65. I must say good afternoon, as it is necessary for me to take the first train for New York." The next morning his brokers informed him that he could settle for $100,000. At the time the first telegram was sent he could have settled for $25,000, at the time of the second for $50,000, the third for $75,000. He had ample warning, but in the thick of the Sudbury game of whist he believed the rise was only a threatening flurry.—New York Press.

SCOTCH SIMPLICITY.

The Mason, the Budding Architect and a Conscience Stricken Lad.

The Scotch are fond of telling stories which illustrate the peculiar simplicity of mind of their country people. This simplicity at least saves them from wicked guile.

One of these stories relates that an honest mason once had a contract to build a small house of stone. He came early and began from the inside to lay the stone, working very fast. At noon his young son brought him his dinner, peeping over the wall as he handed the basket to his father. With honest pride in his eye, the mason looked over to the boy.

"Weel, Jock, hoo d'ye think I'm gettin on?" he asked.

"Ye're getting on famous, feyther," answered Jock, looking at the solid wall, in which there was no break. "But hoo d'ye get oot?"

The mason looked around. It was true. He had provided the house with no door at all, and he was on the inside. He looked kindly and very admiringly at the boy.

"Mon, Jock, ye've a grand heid on ye!" he exclaimed. "Ye'll be an architect yet, as sure as yer feyther's a mason!"

Another story shows how unsuccessful as a thief the rustic Scot may be. Two young plowmen went into a garden at night to steal gooseberries. The bushes surrounded a plot of potatoes, and as one of the lads groped about he got a handful of potato plums, which he quickly put into his mouth. Then he gasped to his comrade:

"Oh, Jock, I'm poisoned! For ony sake, shove me through the hedge again, for I waudna like to dee i' the auld man's gairden!"—Youth's Companion.

Tobacco In England, 1845.

When I was a lad, fully half the population of both sexes, rich as well as poor, the banker equally with the workingman, were snufftakers. My first schoolmaster always carried his snuff loose in his waistcoat pocket, and innumerable were his dips into it with two fingers and a thumb in the course of the day, while the big gauffered frill which protruded from the bosom of his shirt was always thickly sprinkled with it. We used to notice that he never seemed to relish one of his huge pinches so much as immediately after having administered a sound castigation to some recalcitrant pupil.

On the other hand, there was little or no open air smoking, except in the case of laboring men going to or from their work. In this respect lucifer matches have something to answer for; but for them the practice of outdoor smoking would never have grown to its present enormous proportions. — Chambers' Journal.

An Unexpected Call.

"You are just going out, I see"—

"Yes, an important engagement. What was it you wanted?"

"It was about that little debt I owe you."

"Ah, yes! Take a seat."

"I was going to ask you for a little delay"—

"Oh—excuse me, but I'm already late."

"I say, I was going to ask you for a little delay when I met a fellow who paid up what he owed me, and"—

"Why on earth don't you sit down? Will you take a glass of wine?"—Paris Figaro.

No Faith In Anything.

"Aunt Josephine is a thorough skeptic."

"She is?"

"Yes; she puts mucilage on the back of every postage stamp she uses."—Chicago Record.

Elephants' Teeth.

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Knoxville Items.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.

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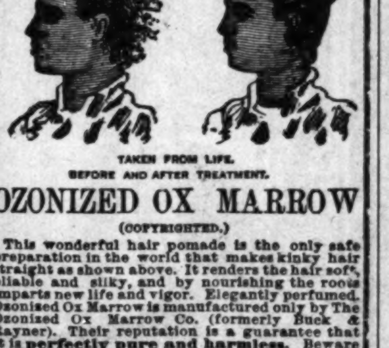

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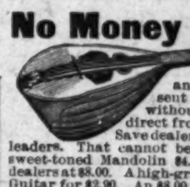

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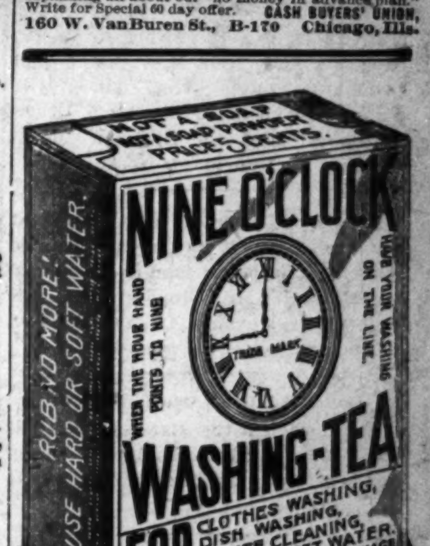
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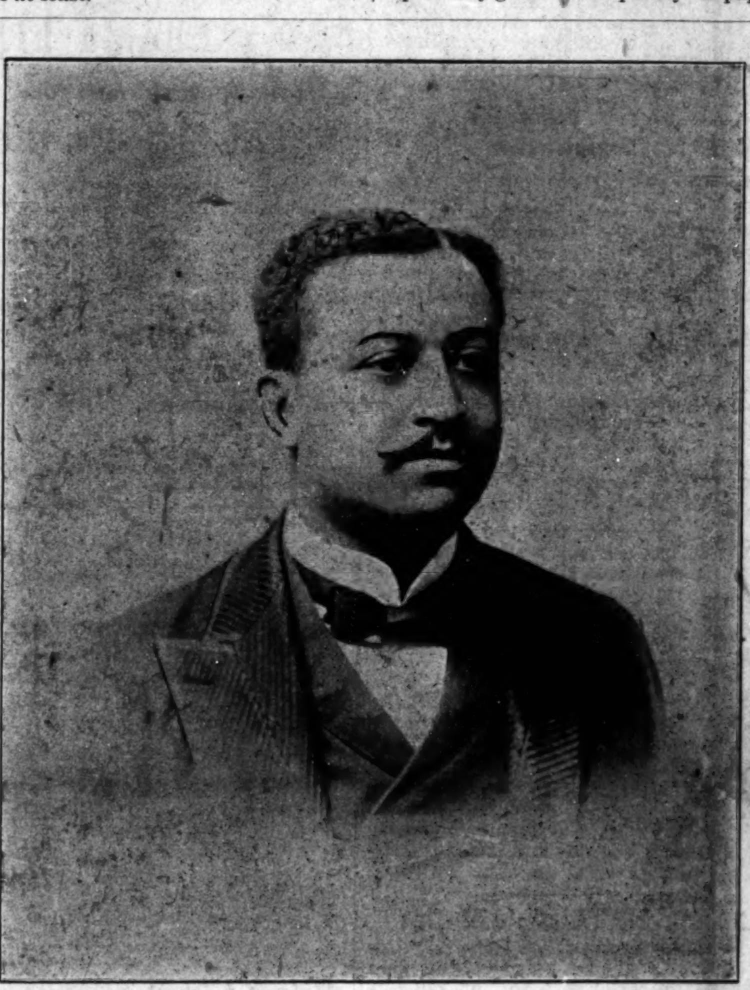

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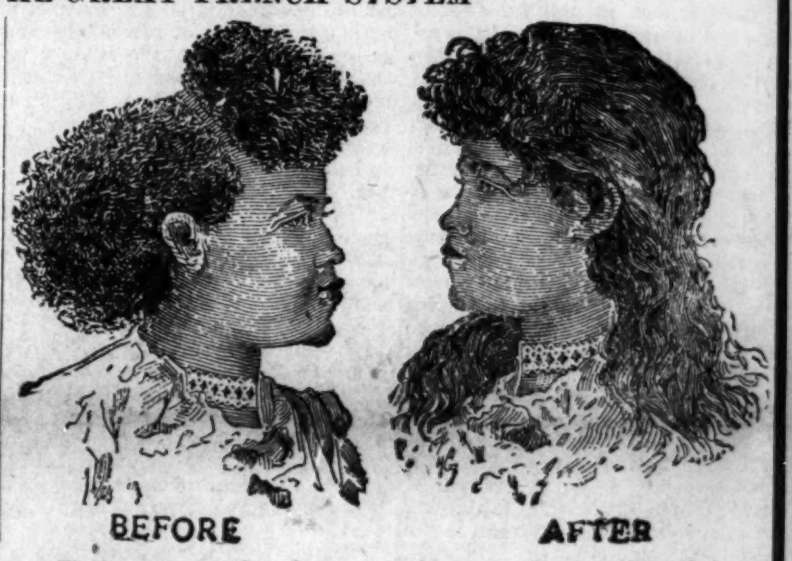

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